# NOTICE OF EVIDENTIARY HEARING FOR SAN DIEGO GAS & ELECTRIC COMPANY'S REQUEST TO ELIMINATE THE SEASONAL DIFFERENTIATION IN ITS RESIDENTIAL RATES APPLICATION NO. A. 19-09-014

DATE	Tuesday, January 21, 2020
TIME	10:00 a.m.
LOCATION	California Public Utilities Commission
	Commission Courtroom
	505 Van Ness Avenue, San Francisco,
	CA 94102

The California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) will hold an Evidentiary Hearing at the time and place noted above to review San Diego Gas & Electric Company's (SDG&E®) request to eliminate seasonal differentials in all its residential rates.

**Please note:** The CPUC's Courtroom is wheelchair accessible. If you wish to attend and need specialized accommodations, please contact the Public Advisor's Office at least five business days prior to the hearing date. Any changes to the dates, times and locations of the hearings will be posted to the CPUC's Daily Calendar.

## **SDG&E'S REQUEST**

On September 23, 2019, SDG&E® filed Application No. A.19-09-014 with the CPUC requesting approval to eliminate seasonal differential rates for all residential customers. Currently, SDG&E differentiates its residential electricity rates by season, with higher rates in the summer and lower rates in the winter. SDG&E's proposal would equalize residential rates by lowering summer rates and raising winter rates so that customers experience a single set of electric rates throughout the year. This proposal will not affect residential baseline usage allowances, which will continue to vary by season. SDG&E requests that the proposed rates be implemented before Summer 2020.

## FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

You may request additional information by writing to: Will Fuller, Regulatory Business Manager, San Diego Gas & Electric Company, 8330 Century Park Court, CP32F, San Diego, CA 92123-1530. Mr. Fuller can also be reached by email at <a href="wfuller@sdee.com">wfuller@sdee.com</a> or by phone at 858-654-1885.

You can obtain a copy of the Application and related documents on SDG&E's website: <a href="https://www.sdge.com/rates-and-regulations/proceedings/application-for-authority-eliminate-seasonal-diff-residential-rates">https://www.sdge.com/rates-and-regulations/proceedings/application-for-authority-eliminate-seasonal-diff-residential-rates</a>.

A hard copy of SDG&E's Application can also be reviewed at the CPUC's Central Files Office by appointment. For more information, contact <u>alicentralfilesid@cpuc.ca.gov</u> or (415) 703-2045.

#### **CPUC PROCESS**

At the Evidentiary Hearing, the assigned Administrative Law Judge (Judge) will receive testimony from SDG&E, consumer advocacy groups, and other parties to this proceeding. The hearing is open to the public but only those who are parties to the proceeding may present evidence, testimony, or be subject to cross-examination. The hearing, and documents submitted during the hearing, will become part of the formal record that the Judge will rely upon in writing a proposed decision to present to the Commissioners for their consideration.

After considering all proposals and evidence presented during the formal hearing process, the assigned Judge will issue a proposed decision, which may adopt SDG&E's proposal, modify it, or deny it. Any CPUC Commissioner may sponsor an alternate decision. The proposed decision, and any alternate decisions, will be discussed and voted upon at a scheduled CPUC Voting Meeting.

The California Public Advocates Office (CalPA) has reviewed this Application. CalPA is the independent consumer advocate within the CPUC with a legislative mandate to represent investor-owned utility customers to obtain the lowest possible rate for service consistent with reliable and safe service levels. CalPA has a multi-disciplinary staff with expertise in economics, finance, accounting and engineering. For more information about the CalPA, please call (415) 703-1584, e-mail PublicAdvocatesOffice@cpuc.ca.gov or visit CalPA's website at <a href="https://www.publicadvocates.cpuc.ca.gov/">www.publicadvocates.cpuc.ca.gov/</a>.

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Write: CPUC Public Advisor's Office 505 Van Ness Avenue San Francisco, CA 94102

Email: <a href="mailto:public.advisor@cpuc.ca.gov">public.advisor@cpuc.ca.gov</a>

Phone: 1-866-849-8390 (toll-free) or 1-415-703-2074 1-866-836-7825 (toll-free) or TTY 1-415-703-5282

Please reference **SDG&E** Request to Eliminate the Seasonal Differential in its Residential Rates – Application No. A.19-09-014 in any communications you have with the CPUC regarding this matter. All public comments will become part of the public correspondence file for this proceeding and made available for review by the assigned Judge, the Commissioners, and appropriate CPUC staff.